



ART & SOUL OF MEXICO 2009

Graphics & Grandeur Tour

MEXICO CITY
MICHOCAN

QUERETARO
GUANAJUATO

January 30th - February 8th, 2009

Day One: Holiday Inn Centro Historico Friday, Jan 30th

- Arrive Mexico City, transfer to Holiday Inn Zocalo in Centro Historico.
- Evening welcome cocktail, greeting, and time to enjoy the Zocalo from our rooftop restaurant.

Day Two: Holiday Inn Centro Historico Saturday, Jan 31st

- Walking tour thru Mexico City's time capsule, the Centro Historico. Focusing on architecture, recent renovations and restoration, we'll stroll up to the Plaza Santo Domingo, where scribes still sit under the portals with their old fashioned typewriters. People still come to compose letters and invitations, or to get official forms and documents typed out. This neighborhood behind the Cathedral and along side the Templo Mayor has scores of interesting little shops. You can purchase educational graphics, have a personalized calendar made up, or even design your own plastic "bolsa."
- Along the way we'll also visit the Museo de Jose Luis Cuevas, one of Mexico's leading contemporary artists.
- Afternoon visit to "Ciudadela," a superb mercado with hundreds of stalls, featuring artistry from all over the country. Great Shop-ortunity!
- If our timing is right, we'll see the early evening Danzon in the park, across from the ciudadela.
- Dinner will be on your own.

Day Three: Holiday Inn Centro Historico Sunday, Feb 1st

- **9am- 1pm:** After a leisurely buffet breakfast, we'll head towards the Reforma, which is now closed to traffic on Sundays.
- We'll be joining the citizens of the city on our bicycles (YES! or three wheel rickshaws for those who are bicycle challenged) taking in the sights along the Reforma. We'll pedal up to the Zoo in Chapultepec park. You can choose to visit the Museum of Anthropology, Modern Art Museum, or just relax in the park. There is an abundance of public art and sculpture in this area. Lots to take in!
- **1pm:** We drop off the bikes and our bus will pick us up for Lunch.

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- Then back to the hotel.
- **5pm:** For those who want to throw themselves into the wonderful absurdity of LUCHE LIBRE, get ready to take in this hugely popular sport, which has also become a craze within the youth and art scene in the USA. Imagine wrestling, Aztec style, with excellent masks and gymnastics. It's hilarious!! The audience participation and outside market of related merchandise is as entertaining as the sport itself. I would say about 1 hour of this and we'll have been there!
- Evening on own to dine and relax.

Day Four: Holiday Inn Centro Historico Monday, Feb 2nd

- Buffet Breakfast.
- Tour of Escuela Esmeraldo, Mexico's premier art school, and to the Taller de grabados. Since the early 1900's this workshop has been promoting and producing political, social, and artistic ideas from Mexico's finest printmakers and graphic designers.
- A visit to the studio and home of sculptor, Lorraine Pinto. We will have a light lunch and her specialty: turkish coffee.
- Afternoon and evening on own.

Day Five: Queretaro, Hotel on the Plaza, TBA Tuesday, Feb 3rd

- Buffet breakfast.
- Early departure to Queretaro with a stop in San Juan del Rio, where we'll visit an Opal cutting studio. The state of Queretaro is known for it's fine quality opals.
- Early afternoon arrival and check in to Grand Hotel.
- Raul will give us a tour of the world heritage site, located in historic downtown. Originally built from the giant fortunes made in the silver mines, Queretaro's beautiful plazas and baroque chapels have been recently restored to their original splendor. The charming narrow passageways through the center of town are lined with high quality craft shops, loncherias and homemade candy stands. Queretaro is a Unesco world heritage site. City tour includes the regional Museum & Santa Cruz.

Day Six: Patzcuaro, Hotel Pueblo Magico Wednesday, Feb 4th

- Buffet breakfast and then early morning departure to Patzcuaro.
- After we check in to our hotel there is a walking tour with Raul to Cathedral Vasco de Quiroga Sq. Once Patios, Mercado and the port. You'll have most of the day free to explore this charming town that is becoming more and more popular. Plenty of artisan, great market, and good restaurants.
- Dinner and evening on own.

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Day Seven: Patzcuaro, Hotel Pueblo Magico Thursday, Feb 5th

- Buffet Breakfast.
- Day trip around the lake to Tacambaro, where we'll visit various artists & artisan. One stop will be the taller of artist Artemio Rodriguez, a young contemporary printmaker who has been making waves in the art world in Mexico, Europe and the USA. Born in Tacambaro and living in L.A., his style has been likened to European medieval woodcuts and Guadalupe Posada.
- Possible visit to Juan Pascoe who has one of the oldest operating printing presses in the world.
- Dinner on own in Patzcuaro.

Artemio Rodriguez



Day Eight: Guanajuato, Hotel TBA Friday Feb 6th

- Buffet Breakfast.
- Early departure to Guanajuato after check in to hotel. Lunch provided.
- Walking tour to the center Jardin, Mercado, other points of interest, and a ride up to the top of the city on the finicula
- Evening on own

Day Nine: Saturday, Feb.7th

- Buffet Breakfast
- Visit to Gorky Gonzales Ceramica
- Diego Rivera Museum, Museo de Pueblo, Alondiga de Granditas, the murals of Chavez Moralo (all in walking distance)
- Farewell dinner at El Collado

Day 10: Sunday, Feb 8th

- Departure to Guanajuato/Leon (BJX) airport and home!